

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the application are claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 27-39, inclusive which includes new claims 35-39.

It is noted that new claim 35 is substantially identical to original claim 9 which was inadvertently designated as "Cancelled" in the prior amendment despite Applicant's intention to amend same as reflected in the Remarks portion of that Amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The Examiner has rejected a plurality of the previously entered claims based upon §35 USC 102 and/or §35 USC 103.

These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to speed the prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended the remaining claims to incorporate the recitations from the allowable claims.

For example, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the recitation of allowable claim 11. Therefore, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom, directly or indirectly, viz. claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 20 and 35 are believed to be allowable based upon the current holdings of the Examiner.

Likewise, claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of claims 22, 23 and allowable claim 26. Therefore, claim 21, and claims dependent therefrom, directly or indirectly, viz. claims 24, 25 and 27-34 are believed to be allowable under the current advice from the Examiner.

New claims 36-39 are patterned after the other claims in the application and are believed to be allowable, as well. Claim 36 includes, inter alia, the recitation of claim 18 which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Thus, claim 36 and the claims

dependent therefrom, directly or indirectly, viz. claim 37, 38, 39, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20, are believed to be allowable, as well.

The previous rejections/objections by the Examiner appear to have been overcome. Thus, the application appears to be in condition for allowance.

ADDITIONAL FEES

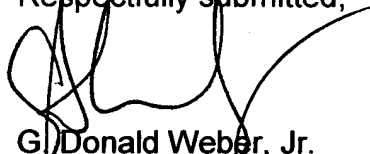
The number of claims in the application does not exceed the number previously paid for. Consequently, no additional fees are required.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the claims now in the application has been allowed, declared to be allowable or depends from an allowed claim, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examining Attorney has any questions or comments regarding the application, a telephone interview with the undersigned Attorney for Applicant is earnestly solicited in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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